

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 5, 2020**

SENATOR MARONEY, REPRESENTATIVE D'AGOSTINO AND MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE, MY NAME IS CAMERON CHAMPLIN, I REPRESENT PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION 777 COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 3500 MEMBERS. I HAVE ALSO BEEN A MEMBER OF THE HEATING, COOLING AND PIPING LICENSING BOARD SINCE 1988. THIS TESTIMONY IS IN OPPOSITION TO SB-13 AS WRITTEN.

IN SECTION 3 (b) OF THE BILL IT WOULD ALLOW A APPRENTICESHIP SPONSOR TO HIRE EITHER AN APPRENTICE IN THE LAST YEAR OF APPRENTICESHIP OR A PREAPPRENTICE IN ADDITION TO THE ESTABLISHED HIRING RATIO. WE DON'T AGREE WITH THAT CONCEPT COMPLETELY BUT WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS SOMETHING SIMILAR.

SECTION 4 WOULD ALLOW ISSUANCE OF LICENSES AND CONTINUING RELATED EDUCATION TO BE COMPLETED VIA THE INTERNET. WE DON'T AGREE WITH THAT CONCEPT SINCE ANYONE INSTEAD OF THE APPLICANT COULD BE COMPLETING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

SECTION 8 DESCRIBES HOW A PERSON WHO HOLDS A LICENSE IN ANOTHER STATE BUT HAS NOT COMPLETED AN APPRENTICESHIP IN THIS STATE CAN APPLY FOR A SIMILAR LICENSE HERE. THERE IS ALREADY A PROCEDURE IN PLACE FOR SUCH APPLICANTS TO APPLY AND BE APPROVED FOR AN EXAMINATION OR BE INFORMED WHAT FURTHER INSTRUCTION THEY NEED TO BE APPROVED FOR AN EXAMINATION.

BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE DIFFERENCES IN BUILDING CODES FOR EACH STATE WE ASK THAT YOU EXCLUDE THE BUILDING TRADES OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES FROM THIS BILL.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY ON THIS ISSUE TODAY. IF ANYMORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED FROM ME PLEASE CONTACT ME AT camc@att.net OR MY CELL (860) 287-0020